

Docket No. 217395US25CIP

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ernesto E. BLANCO

SERIAL NO: 10/092,560

FILED: March 8, 2002

FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP GUARDS AND GAS JET TISSUE DEFLECTOR



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, please note the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 64 of this paper.